**Rise Up Singing Lesson Plan Conversino**

Obj. The 6th Grade students will have a better understanding of the “Blues” form of music and how it affected Janis Joplin’s sound.

Pro. :

1. Have students read Chapter One of “Rise Up Singing”. Lead discussion of what is the “Blues” ? Why was it so controversial for Joplin to like this type of music.
2. Play a recording of Odetta. Point out the Blues style. Have students comment on style and why they think Joplin liked it. Do they like it ? Do their parents or other adults like the type of music they listen to ?
3. Play a You Tube video of Billie Holiday, Big Mama Thorton and then Janis Joplin, on computer . Have students write five sentences comparing and contrasting the music they heard/saw.
4. Finish with leading discussion on what students wrote. If time, ask students what musicians they think were influenced by Joplin and why.